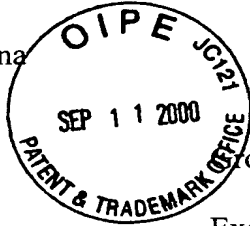


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and comments into the file of the above-identified continuation application before examining this case.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

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2. A connector for coupling the end of a coaxial cable to a threaded port, the coaxial cable having a center conductor surrounded by a dielectric, the dielectric being surrounded by a conductive grounding sheath, and the conductive grounding sheath being surrounded by a protective outer jacket, said connector comprising in combination:
- a. a tubular post having a first end adapted to be inserted into an exposed end of the coaxial cable around the dielectric thereof and under the conductive grounding sheath thereof, said tubular post having an opposing second end;
  - b. a nut having a first end for rotatably engaging the second end of said tubular post and having an opposing second end with an internally threaded bore for threadedly engaging a threaded port;

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